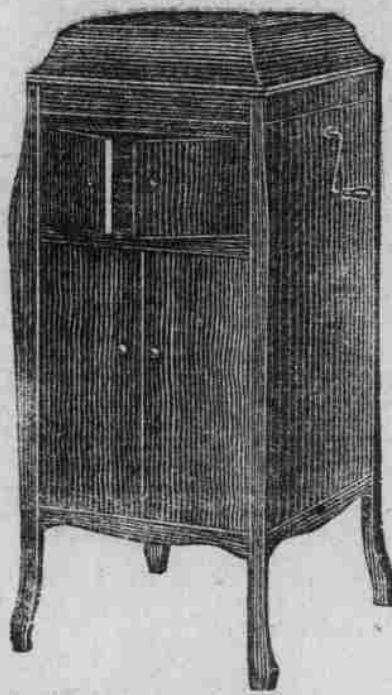


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STYLE 80 VICTROLA ..... \$100.00  
4 Victor Records, 8 selections ..... 3.40  
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COURAGE LED BY COMMON SENSE WILL DO IT

(Written Specially for The Bulletin)  
The other day—it doesn't matter the exact date—I clipped the following solid chunk of price information from the market report of a big New York daily:

Eggs—Fresh gathered extras, per dozen \$9.00; extra first, \$8.50; firsts \$8.00; seconds, \$7.50; thirds, \$7.00; fourths, \$6.50; and poorer, \$6.00; chickens, fair to choice, dry \$4.00; sterilized held whites \$4.00; refrigerator eggs, charges paid to expiring dates, first, \$3.90; second, \$3.80; white eggs, \$3.70; sterilized whites, fancy, \$3.60; average prime, \$3.50; brown and mixed colors, \$3.40; New Jersey henner whites, extra fancy candler selections, 78c; nearby and nearby Western henner whites, average extras, 75c; extra firsts, 69c; 71c; nearby and nearby Western henner whites, firsts, 64c; 71c; ungraded, 60c; 62c; pullet eggs, graded smallest out, 55c; ungraded, 54c; 57c; Pacific coast whites, extra 72c; 74c; extra firsts, 70c; 72c; firsts, 65c; 68c; pullets, graded, smallest out, 58c; 60c; ungraded, 55c; 57c; other Western and Southern gathered whites, 55c; 57c; nearby and nearby Western henner whites, extra 63c; 65c; brown and mixed colors, gathered extras, 59c; 60c; firsts to extra firsts, 52c; 55c.

Have you read it? All of it? Correct. Having done so, you may tell me, if you please, what eggs are worth? Your own eggs, in particular. The eggs you've gathered from your own hen-house during the last week and have put in the egg basket in the back pantry?

Take your time. Take a week, if you want to. Take a pad and pencil, take a slate, take a blackboard and a full box of chalks. If you think they'll help any. Here are thirty-one classifications and perhaps sixty different prices. Walk right in and take your pick. All you've got to do is to decide whether your eggs are "fresh gathered extra" or "extra firsts" or "firsts" or "choice fair to choice" or "near-by henner whites extra firsts" or "gathered whites firsts to extra firsts" or something else. What could be easier? What could be simpler?

To be sure, you must also know what some New York city producer whom you never saw and never expect to see, will rule on your eggs according to some mysterious standard which he and his colleagues have devised in secret sessions, and which is capable of wide variations according to the greed and unscrupulousness of the dealer and his confidence in your ignorance.

That's all. Surely that isn't much. Not for him, anyway. He finds it as easy as rolling off a log and as profitable as finding money in the road.

If you can't work it by the Rule of Three or conic sections or logarithms, try the old original rule of the trade: "Feed 'em, take 'em."

Leaving all frivolties aside, what do you, as a rural and ingenious egg-gatherer, think of that list of egg-grades? You know that your eggs are white and fresh and that you're within the "near-by" limits. They are not storage eggs; they are not refrigerator eggs; they are good, first quality, fresh nearby hens' eggs, from corned fowls having an ample run and access to plenty of fresh pickings. You make up a crate of 'em and send 'em to New York. Do you really suppose you'll get the top price for such eggs? Eh? Did I hear you say, "Way of course I will!" Just try it and see.

I know of a hen-man who keeps several thousand white Leghorns of the fanciest kind and the purest breeding and the cleanest strains. He used to send eggs to the New York city market. He sent only fresh ones, carefully selected as to color and size. Instead of getting returns for "fresh gathered extras" or even "extra firsts" he would be paid for "seconds" or "thirds" or "choice." So he went to New York and had a heart-to-heart talk with his egg-broker. He got the rules down fine—as he thought.

And his very next crate of freshly gathered, even-sized, all white, candled eggs was credited to him as "mixed" at a decidedly mixed price!

He kept on trying. He finally succeeded in getting top-notch prices for some of his top-notch eggs. But almost every consignment would find a part of them graded down on inspection to a lower and unprofitable price.

He learned that, to get the "nearby henner white, fancy extra" price every egg must be of exactly the same size as every other egg to the smallest caliper of a millimeter; every egg must be exactly as chalk-white as every other one, without a line shading that a polarizing lens and an X-ray machine could distinguish. They must not only all be equally and impeccably white but they must be all as white and of the same whiteness as the sample standard kept in that particular inspection room. Otherwise, they were graded as "mixed colors" or something else at a lower price. So great was his disgust that he, too, dropped him to his knees and "gave in the egg business." I understand he has reconsidered that idea but is now sending his eggs to other markets where fresh eggs are appreciated even if occasionally one is one sixteenth of one per cent. off color on one corner.

Now if these things are done in a green tree, what shall be expected in a dry? For eggs are, taking all things into consideration, in the very small number of farm products for which the producing farmer gets anywhere near his fair share of the consumer's dollar. If all these paltry trickeries are worked to the producer's loss and the toll-taker's gain in the matter of eggs what, think you, is going on in the matters of corn

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## Our December Sale of WOMEN'S UNDERMUSLINS

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Corset Covers, in a complete assortment of styles, with lace and Hamburg trimming, at these special prices:

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AT 89c ..... From \$1.00 and \$1.25  
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### LONG SKIRTS

Women's Long White Skirts, of Cambric and Muslin, tailor-made, with tucks—Also trimmed with edgings and insertings:

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AT \$1.25 ..... Former value \$1.50  
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All better Skirts, up to \$5.00, at greatly reduced prices.

### ENVELOPE CHEMISE

AT 89c ..... Former value \$1.00  
AT 98c ..... Former value \$1.25  
AT \$1.29 ..... Former value \$1.50  
AT \$1.79 ..... From \$2.00 and \$2.25  
AT \$1.98 ..... Former value \$2.50  
Better grade Envelope Chemise, up to \$3.50, at greatly reduced prices.

### MUSLIN GOWNS

#### LOW NECK STYLES

AT 98c ..... Former value \$1.25  
AT \$1.29 ..... Former value \$1.50  
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#### HIGH AND V NECK

AT \$1.29 ..... Former value \$1.50  
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### COMBINATION SUITS

Women's Muslin Combination Suits, consisting of Corset Cover and Drawers:

AT 98c ..... Former value \$1.50

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AT 44c ..... Former value 50c  
AT 69c ..... Former value 75c  
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### EXTRA SIZE GARMENTS

We specialize in extra size garments for stout women. We show these extra full garments in many grades and qualities to assure an assortment. At these very special prices:

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All our dainty Philippine Underwear, in Envelope Chemises and Gowns, a splendid assortment of newest styles—at greatly reduced prices.

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Value \$50.00—  
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Value \$39.50—  
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Value \$29.50—  
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Your unrestricted choice of any  
Waist in our stock—  
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and wheat and pork and potatoes and other farm products

Only yesterday I saw advertised in another New York city paper men's shoes at \$11.75 as a "bargain." Three years ago such prices were not to be wondered at, for beef hides and calf-skins were selling for from fifty to seventy-five cents a pound, raw. Today they fetch two or three times as much, hardly enough to pay for hauling them to the tannery. Indeed, a visitor from the Connecticut Valley told me, two weeks ago, that in his vicinity hides were being thrown away because they couldn't be sold for enough to pay the axle grease used up in delivering them.

There you have it: Shoes almost beyond the reach of common people and the hides from which they are made so cheap that they can't even be given away.

Wool is unsalable drug on the market at even half the price it costs for shearing and another New York city advertisement, announcing "unparalleled bargains" in woolen suits at "only" \$69. Perk brings the farmer six or seven cents a pound and I am charged for suitcases, made out of the waste trimmings and other unsalable portions, thirty cents a pound.

And so it goes and so it is, as Mr. Manning used to say, year after year, in practically every line of rural products. Losses than one-way prices offered us for what we grow, peak-of-war-prices charged us for what we have to buy.

Do you wonder that the farmers of the west are seriously planning to reduce their sowings and plantings, next season? Do you wonder that, after being slugged on the right cheek and then on the meekly returned left one, they protest against being also kicked into the ditch and having his skin rubbed into their mouths? Doubtless we are all worms of the dust, but are we so much smaller than Shakespeare's smallest that we mustn't turn even when trodden on?

If the farmer raises big and world-famous crops, only to have them fleeced from him to pay the exorbitant bills of predatory speculators or the war-time wages of labor producers, is he to be alone wronged and attacked if he retorts with the threat no longer to raise crops he can't sell for the cost of their growing?

This egg schedule with which we started out, is a very mild and comparatively innocuous example of the thimble-rig game which "big business"—and little business too, for that matter—play against both producer and consumer.

In the name of common sense, how long is it to be permitted to continue? It is today the biggest and rawest sore on our body politic.

Some expert figure-juggler estimates I see, that there has been a recent reduction of one per cent. in food prices to consumers. One per cent! One stray off the camel's back-breaking load! Why, there has been a comparatively recent reduction of from seventy-five to ninety

per cent. in the prices paid for food to the food-growers.

Why hasn't it been passed on? The answer to that question is one which each must seek for himself. One thing is certain; if that saving isn't divided soon, in a more equitable manner, there will come such an upheaval of public sentiment as will force congressional and other lawmakers to stop hide-foddlery with external symptoms and get to work on the prime moving cause.

They are not far to seek. They do not require long-winded investigations to detecting them. They are patent in every market place all over the broad land. I grant you that they are neither simple nor easy to eradicate. But they are not impregnable. They can be overcome, led by common sense.

Those qualities, thank heaven! are not yet wholly extinct in the American people. Let us devoutly hope they may be extended before the erosion, and not after it has done its devastating work.

THE FARMER.

### WOODSTOCK

The annual meeting of the Woodstock Theft Detection Society was held Tuesday at Agricultural hall, South Woodstock. This society dates back to 1793 and has been incorporated since 1894. One rule of the organization is that the constitution shall be read at each annual meeting and this rule is always carefully obeyed. The following officers were elected: President, Benjamin R. Ritchie; vice president, Byron W. Bates; treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Jordan; clerk, Mrs. J. S. May; standing committee, Geo. W. Bates, Mrs. W. J. Linderman; E. H. Potter, Mrs. Geo. Wetherell, W. P. Harris, Mrs. Nellie Kenyon, Purseman, Leonard H. Hensley, J. M. Shepard, W. C. Child, Allen W. Kenyon, Anna M. Paine, C. Allison Potter, S. H. Peckham, E. L. Chamberlin, O. Milligan. Literary committee: Mrs. L. H. Linderman, Mrs. A. N. Hammond, Mrs. F. A. Jordan, Ernest R. Pike, Mrs. G. M. Sampson, Mrs. B. W. Bates, Auditors: F. O. Chaffee, C. H. Child, Mrs. Emily Riddick, Collector, Charles H. Killam.

This society numbers over thirty members, consisting of both men and women.

At one o'clock a delicious vegetable stew with doughnuts, cheese and coffee was served, under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bates. After dinner the entertainment consisted of a mock trial, entitled, Pike vs. Harris. An action of tort whereby the plaintiff sought to recover damages and costs for injury to a dog by being run over by an automobile negligently driven by defendant.

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